

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2287 - SB 2623

March 4, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the state's authority to set lower payment amounts and coverage in TennCare, as allowed by Federal law, for services to the medically needy population.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Minimal impact to the current TennCare Program. However, assuming the proposed waiver extension is approved, there will be a forgone savings of \$6,350,000 to the state and \$11,800,000 in Federal funds.

TennCare does not currently set lesser benefit levels for the medically needy population so the impact is minimal to the current TennCare Program. However, if the Federal government approves the proposed waiver extension, which includes lesser benefits for the expansion population, then the bill would have a fiscal impact by reducing projected savings.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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